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RE: Airport EIR

Angela Reynolds, Environmental Officer
City of Long Beach
Planning and Building Department
333 West Ocean Boulevard
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Dear Ms. Reynolds:

We live on East 11Th Street near Studebaker Road and Anaheim Street (under the landing pattern of airplanes landing at the Long Beach Airport). We are already heavily impacted by severe noise and air pollution. It troubles us that the phrase "associated with an Optimized Flights Scenario" is used so often in the EIR.

Although we have been reassured that there wouldn't be any more flights unless the noise ordinance is enforced, building such a huge, unneeded facility would be inviting ever more airplanes! We can remember that when, years ago, we were to vote on whether to allow that diagonal runway to be built, we were promised that the runway would be used just for Douglas Aircraft to build and test their larger planes--and that it would NEVER be used for commercial flights! So much for promises by the city!

While we agree that the airport needs reasonable expansion and remodeling, none of the alternatives addressed the choice of doing this remodeling with an expansion of less than 79,745 square feet--other than "NO PROJECT--meaning 0 expansion. In other words, there needs to be an alternative that allows for remodeling, but would add less than 79,725 square feet to the existing terminal.

The EIR states that "A component of the proposed Project is the provision of a new parking structure that would accommodate 4,000 vehicles." Has a study been done that shows that there is a *need* for parking for that many vehicles? Has there been a study regarding how many passengers are dropped off at the airport to avoid paying the expensive parking fees?

The one thing that is really needed at the airport--jetways to accommodate handicapped and elderly passengers--is missing in the plan. Is there a *valid* reason for exclusion of such a vital amenity?

The EIR states that: "Under the Optimized Flights Scenario, operations at the Airport would result in potential impacts to air quality, land use and transportation and circulation.....Air quality impacts would remain significant and unavoidable." This is unacceptable for those many of us Long Beach residents who are already heavily impacted by unhealthy air!"The *voluntary* noise attenuation program recommended in the DEIR would provide beneficial effects to residences *within the 65 CNEL contour and schools within the 60 CNEL contour*" What provision is made for the rest of us who are already heavily and negatively impacted by the aircraft noise?

The EIR states" "Optimized Flights is the estimated maximum *expected* flights under the Airport Noise Compatibility Ordinance and *is not dependent on Terminal area improvements*. But nowhere is it stated that this would NOT be an invitation for many additional flights! A huge number of residents feel that "if we build it, they WILL come!

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